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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 255

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Ms. Linda K. Miller for her meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee and to congratulate her upon being named as the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center's 1999 Victims Advocate of the Decade.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those citizens who through their personal endeavors are credits to their respective families and communities and to their state; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is Ms. Linda K. Miller, who was recently awarded the 1999 Victims Advocate of the Decade Award by the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 award received by Ms. Miller marks the premiere of an award that will be given every ten years in recognition of a professional whose contributions to the victims' rights movement during that past decade has been phenomenal; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Linda K. Miller is most definitely deserving of this initial award; her commitment and dedication to this important cause know no bounds, as she has touched the lives of many persons through her meritorious endeavors over the past two decades; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller is renowned statewide for her successful efforts to ensure that victims have the right to participate in parole hearings and for her work in establishing victim impact panels in order that persons convicted of DUI-related offenses are made aware of the results of their actions; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990s, Ms. Miller developed a government agency that offers comprehensive services to victims of all crimes and serves as a point of coordination and support to victim service providers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Miller also hosts her own television show to raise awareness about victims' rights, and she frequently offers herself as a media spokesperson on victim issues; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, Ms. Miller has been a leader in the effort to develop a domestic violence court in Shelby County; she has been instrumental in the implementation of the Cycle Stops grant program, and has facilitated the formation of a Shelby County chapter of Neighbors Who Care; and

WHEREAS, Linda K. Miller exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to honor and commend Linda K. Miller for her dedication to victims' rights and to the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Ms. Linda K. Miller for her service to victims of crime and to the state of Tennessee and congratulate her upon being named as the Shelby County Victims Assistance Center's 1999 Victims Advocate of the Decade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish Ms. Miller every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.